Sealing of the bank accounts of hotels under ITDC

*235. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has sealed bank accounts of three major hotels run by India Tourism Development Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) and (b) The MCD had in March, 1989 sent bills dated 13-3-89 for payment of property tax in respect of the following three hotels of ITDC for the amount indicated against each which were required to be paid/objections filed on their demand/assessment latest by 28-3-89:

Name of the hotel	Amount demanded (Rs. lakhs)
1. Lodhi Hotel	11.52
2. Ranjit Hotel	9.34
3. Qutab Hotel	29.31
TOTAL :	50.17

ITDC filed objections on the demands/assessment made by the MCD by the due date i.e. 28-3-1989. However, the MCD issued distress warrants which were received on 3-4-1989, freezing the bank accounts of the three ITDC Hotels. To resolve the matter, the ITDC Hotels have paid service charges to the tune of Rs. 7.80 lakhs to the MCD for the years 1985-86 to 1988-89 against their demand for property tax of Rs. 50.17 lakhs. The distress warrants issued by the MCD have since been withdrawn on 12-4-1989.

Setting up of State Councils for Higher Education

*236. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman, University Grants Commission, has written to Chief Ministers of all States to expedite the setting up of State Councils for Higher Education in order to promoto planning and coordination of higher education at the State level;

(b) whether the Central Government have issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(c) if so., what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However, as visualised in the Programme of Action for the implementation of the National Policy on Education, 1986, the University Grants Commission has circulated guidelines for setting up State Councils of Higher Education.

(c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

The State Councils of Higher Education would act as a link between the Universities and Colleges and the State Governments and work closely with the UGC in view of its j statutory responsibility for the maintenance and coordination of standards of Higher Education at the All India level. The major functions of the Council will include : —

(i) To evolve perspective plans for development of Higher Education in the State;

(ii) to prepare consolidated progr ammes in the sphere of Higher Education in the State in accor dance with the guidelines that may be issued by the UGC from time to time and to assist in their implementation;

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(iii) to forward development programmes of Universities and Colleges in the State to UGC along with its comments and recommendations;

(iv) to assist UGC in respect of determination and maintenance of standards and suggest remedial action wherever necessary in accordance with the guidelines;

(v) to encourage and promote innovations in curricular development restructuring of course and updating of syllabi in the Universities /Colleges;

(vi) to promote and coordinate the programmes of autonomous colleges and *to* monitor its implementation;

(vii) to devise steps to improve the standards of examinations conducted by the Universities and suggest necessary reforms:

(viii) to regulate admission on the basis of physical facilities and to develop Entrance Examinations for admission to Institu- j tions of Higher Education; j

(ix) to advise State Governments in determining the block maintenance grants and to lay down the basis for such grants;

(x) to set up a State Research Board so as to link educational institutions research with that of the Research Agencies and also with research needs of the State;

(xi) to administer and release grant in aid from State Government to Universities and Colleges in the State:

(xii) to perform any other functional necessary for furtherance of Higher Education in a State.

सड़क दुर्घटनाओं से बचने के लिए राष्ट्रीय नीति

***237. डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय :**
श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :

क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सड़कों पर दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए कोई राष्ट्रीय नीति तैयार करने का प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री राजेश पायलट) : (क) और (ख) सरकार की सड़क सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित करने और सड़क दुर्घटनाएं रोकने की नीति रही है । मोटर यान अधिनियम, 1988 में ऐसे प्रावधान को शामिल किया गया है जिसमें लाइसेंस देने की पूर्व शर्त के रूप में कठोर डाक्टरी परीक्षण तथा सड़क संबंधी कानूनों की जानकारी, परिवहन वाहकों के लिए